### TOWN OF MEDICINE LAKE

Box 5, Medicine Lake, Montana

EXHIBIT NO. 10
DATE 2-20-07
BILL NO.S B 17

RE: Senate Bill No. 17

Dear Legislators and Committee Members,

This letter is to voice the Town of Medicine Lake's objection to the striking of language from Senate Bill 17. The deletion of the 15% set aside for upland game releases and the 25% requirement that those funds be spent each year is crucial to our economy here in Eastern Montana.

As Mayor and a businessman here in Medicine Lake the annual fall hunting season, and the dollars that it brings in to our community, has a tremendous impact on our economy and the survival of our local businesses and communities. As a member of the board of directors of Missouri River Country, our eastern tourism promotion group sponsored by Travel Montana, we have seen the impact of the upland game hunting season in towns and communities across Eastern Montana.

Upland bird hunting brings huge numbers of folks to our area. In order to sustain the bird population, support of game bird releases is important. An ample population of game birds is possible if an effective feeding and release program is implemented.

I encourage you to re-consider the striking of this important program from your legislation.

Best regards

Tim Hutslar, Mayor

Medicine Lake, Montana

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